

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Industrial Machinery Movers - Removal Polrep
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial and Final
Industrial Machinery Movers

Bayamon, PR
Latitude: 18.3584170 Longitude: -66.1439370

To:
From: Carlos Huertas, OSC
Date: 4/6/2020
Reporting Period: August 30, 2019 - April 6, 2020

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority: CERCLA	Response Type:
Response Lead: STATE	Incident Category:
NPL Status: Non NPL	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date: 8/30/2019	Start Date: 8/20/2019
Demob Date: 8/30/2019	Completion Date: 4/6/2020
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification:
FPN#:	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Emergency Response

1.1.2 Site Description

Industrial Machinery Movers (IMM) was established in 1991 to provide services related to transportation of industrial equipment, (medical, pharmaceutical and printing). Their operation also includes performing mechanical maintenance to their fleet.

1.1.2.1 Location

PR-174 Km. 5.5 Juan Sánchez Ward, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On August 28, 2019, while conducting housekeeping activities in preparation for a hurricane one IMM's employee accidentally spilled the contents of a 55-gallon drum presumably containing glycerol.

On August 30, 2019, an EPA OSC was deployed to the IMM facility located at PR-174 Km. 5.5 Juan Sánchez Ward, Bayamón, Puerto Rico. The owner reported that the substance spilled, glycerol, reached a unnamed creek tributary of Rio Bayamón. Personnel from EPA's Multimedia Permits and Compliance Branch were also engaged, during this response, due to concerns related to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

DNER has taken the lead on the Site. EPA is acting as a supporting agency in this response.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

On August 30, 2019, an EPA OSC was deployed to conduct air monitoring utilizing a Multi-RAE Plus equipped with sensors for the detection of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), oxygen (O), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) and sulfuric acid (H₂S). No readings above background were recorded at the impacted areas during the response.

Once on Site, EPA learned that the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) responded to the emergency on August 28, 2019, conducting the initial assessment and retaining a contractor to conduct the clean-up of the unnamed creek that was impacted by the release from IMM.

After the initial response was completed on August 30, 2019, the case was referred to DNER's Land Pollution Control Area (LPCA). DNER LPCA personnel provided oversight of the Site clean-up activities that concluded on March 3, 2020, with the disposal of (24) 55-gallons drums of impacted soil.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

DNER will determine any followup enforcement action.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

None

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

None

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

None. EPA will provide assistance as requested by the DNER.

2.2.2 Issues

None

2.3 Logistics Section

Not applicable.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

OSC performed these duties.

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

OSC performed these duties.

2.5.3 Information Officer

OSC performed these duties.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Not applicable

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER).

4. Personnel On Site

(1) EPA OSC

(1) EPA Enforcement Officer

5. Definition of Terms

EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency

OSC - On-Scene Coordinator

DNER - Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

LPCA - Land Pollution Control Area

6. Additional sources of information

6.1 Internet location of additional information/report

None

6.2 Reporting Schedule

This is initial and final POLREP.

7. Situational Reference Materials

None